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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the "County") will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard, at the County Commission Chambers, 5th Floor, Leon County Couthouse, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida, to consider adoption of an ordinance entitled to wit:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2-400, OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA. RELATING TO LOCAL PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL BUSINESS, AMENDING THE LOCAL PREFERENCE PERCENTAGES IN BIDDING AND REQUESTS FOR FROPOSALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to present their comments at the public hearing at the time and place set out above.

Anyone wishing to appeal the action of the Board with regard to this matter will need a record of the proceedings and should ensure that a verbatim record is made.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding abould contact Christine Coble or Facilities Management, Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, by written request at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding. Telephone: 488-9962 or 488-1948; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 711 via Florida Relay service.

Copies of said ordinance may be inspected at the following locations during regular business hours:

Leon County Courthouse 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor Reception Desk Tallahassec, FL 32301

and

Leon County Courthouse (Clerk's Office) 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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